GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5368
ANSWERED ON:28.08.2001
NEELANCHAL ISPAT NIGAM LIMITED
PRABHAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Metal and Mineral Trading Corporation has given its share in the Orissa based Neelanchal Ispat Nigam Ltd.;

(b) if so, the share of MMTC in the proposed Steel Project earlier and at the present;

(c) the reasons for the backing out of the Lucky Goldstar Commonwealth Development Corporation from participating in the Steel Project: and

(d) the progress made in the establishment of steel plant, till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Initial share of MMTC Limited in the equity of Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited was Rs. 100 Crore which was subsequently increased to Rs. 150 Crore.

(c) Lucky Goldstar, South-Korea withdrew due to currency meltdown and economic down-turn in south Korea. Commonwealth Development Corporation (CDC), UK withdrew due to restructuring of CDC and withdrawal of private investors i.e. Lucky Goldstar.

(d) Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd. is scheduled to commission its Blast Furnace for production of pig iron during 3rd quarter of the current year. Detailed engineering and construction work to produce steel forming 2nd Phase of the Project is in progress.